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Establishing a Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McGOVERN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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# RESOLUTION

Establishing a Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1       *Resolved*, That there is hereby established a select investigation subcommittee of the Committee on Oversight and Reform called the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis (hereinafter referred to as the “select subcommittee”).

6       SEC. 2. (a) The select subcommittee shall be composed of not more than 12 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner appointed by the Speaker, of whom not more than 5 shall be appointed on the recommendation of the minority leader. The Speaker shall

1 designate one member of the select subcommittee as its  
2 chair. Any vacancy in the select subcommittee shall be  
3 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4 (b) Each member appointed to the select sub-  
5 committee shall be treated as though a member of the  
6 Committee on Oversight and Reform for purposes of the  
7 select subcommittee.

8 SEC. 3. (a) The select subcommittee is authorized  
9 and directed to conduct a full and complete investigation  
10 and study and issue a final report to the House of its find-  
11 ings (and such interim reports as it may deem necessary)  
12 regarding—

13 (1) the efficiency, effectiveness, equity, and  
14 transparency of the use of taxpayer funds and relief  
15 programs to address the coronavirus crisis, including  
16 through Federal agencies, State and local govern-  
17 ment entities, financial institutions and other private  
18 businesses, contracts, grants, loans, loan guarantees,  
19 investments, cooperative agreements, or any other  
20 means;

21 (2) reports of waste, fraud, abuse, price  
22 gouging, profiteering, or other abusive practices re-  
23 lated to the coronavirus crisis;

24 (3) the implementation or effectiveness of any  
25 Federal law applied, enacted, or under consideration

1 to address the coronavirus crisis and prepare for fu-  
2 ture pandemics;

3 (4) preparedness for and response to the  
4 coronavirus crisis, including the planning for and  
5 implementation of testing, containment, mitigation,  
6 and surveillance activities; the acquisition, distribu-  
7 tion, or stockpiling of protective equipment and med-  
8 ical supplies; and the development of vaccines and  
9 treatments;

10 (5) the economic impact of the coronavirus cri-  
11 sis on individuals, communities, small businesses,  
12 health care providers, States, and local government  
13 entities;

14 (6) any disparate impacts of the coronavirus  
15 crisis on different communities and populations, in-  
16 cluding with respect to race, ethnicity, age, sex, gen-  
17 der identity, sexual orientation, disability, and geo-  
18 graphic region, and any measures taken to address  
19 such disparate impacts;

20 (7) executive branch policies, deliberations, deci-  
21 sions, activities, and internal and external commu-  
22 nications related to the coronavirus crisis;

23 (8) the protection of whistleblowers who provide  
24 information about waste, fraud, abuse, or other im-  
25 proper activities related to the coronavirus crisis;

1                             (9) cooperation by the executive branch and  
2                             others with Congress, the Inspectors General, the  
3                             Government Accountability Office, and others in  
4                             connection with oversight of the preparedness for  
5                             and response to the coronavirus crisis; and

6                             (10) any other issues related to the coronavirus  
7                             crisis.

8                             (b) The select subcommittee may report to the House  
9                             or any committee of the House from time to time the re-  
10                             sults of its investigations and studies, together with such  
11                             detailed findings and legislative recommendations as it  
12                             may deem advisable.

13                             (c) The select subcommittee may not hold a markup  
14                             of legislation.

15                             SEC. 4. (a) Rule XI and the rules of the Committee  
16                             on Oversight and Reform shall apply to the select sub-  
17                             committee in the same manner as a subcommittee except  
18                             as follows:

19                             (1) The chair of the select subcommittee may  
20                             authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause  
21                             2(m) of rule XI and rule 12(g) of the rules of the  
22                             Committee on Oversight and Reform in the inves-  
23                             tigation and study conducted pursuant to section 3,  
24                             including for the purpose of taking depositions.

1                         (2) The chair of the select subcommittee is au-  
2                         thorized to compel by subpoena the furnishing of in-  
3                         formation by interrogatory.

4                         (3) Subpoenas so authorized may be signed by  
5                         the chair of the select subcommittee or a designee.

6                         (4) The chair of the select subcommittee may  
7                         order the taking of depositions, under oath and pur-  
8                         suant to notice or subpoena, by a member of the se-  
9                         lect subcommittee or a counsel of the select sub-  
10                         committee. Such depositions shall be governed by  
11                         rule 15 of the rules of the Committee on Oversight  
12                         and Reform. For purposes of such rule, references  
13                         to “the Committee” shall be construed as references  
14                         to the select subcommittee.

15                         (5) The chair of the select subcommittee may,  
16                         after consultation with the ranking minority mem-  
17                         ber, recognize—

18                         (A) members of the select subcommittee to  
19                         question a witness for periods longer than five  
20                         minutes as though pursuant to clause  
21                         2(j)(2)(B) of such rule XI; and

22                         (B) staff of the select subcommittee to  
23                         question a witness as though pursuant to clause  
24                         2(j)(2)(C) of such rule XI.

1                         (6) Agenda and reports required by rule 2(f)  
2                         and rule 4(c) of the rules of the Committee on Over-  
3                         sight and Reform shall be required on the third cal-  
4                         endar day before a meeting, hearing, or consider-  
5                         ation of a report, as applicable.

6                         (b) The provisions of this resolution shall govern the  
7                         proceedings of the select subcommittee in the event of any  
8                         conflict with the rules of the House or of the Committee  
9                         on Oversight and Reform.

10                  SEC. 5. Any committee of the House having custody  
11                 of records in any form relating to the matters described  
12                 in section 3 shall transfer copies of such records to the  
13                 select subcommittee within 7 days of the adoption of this  
14                 resolution or receipt of such records. Such records shall  
15                 become the records of the select subcommittee.

16                  SEC. 6. Service on the select subcommittee shall not  
17                 count against the limitations in clause 5(b)(2)(A) of rule  
18                 X.

19                  SEC. 7. The Committee on Oversight and Reform is  
20                 the “successor in interest” to the select subcommittee for  
21                 purposes of clause 8(c) of rule II.

22                  SEC. 8. The select subcommittee shall cease to exist  
23                 30 days after filing the final report required under section  
24                 3.

1        SEC. 9. (a) For further expenses of the Committee  
2 on Oversight and Reform for the One Hundred Sixteenth  
3 Congress, there shall be paid out of the applicable ac-  
4 counts of the House of Representatives an additional  
5 amount of \$2,000,000.

6        (b) Payments under this resolution shall be made on  
7 vouchers authorized by the Committee on Oversight and  
8 Reform, signed by the chair of that committee, and ap-  
9 proved in the manner directed by the Committee on House  
10 Administration.

11       SEC. 10. Amounts made available under this resolu-  
12 tion shall be expended in accordance with regulations pre-  
13 scribed by the Committee on House Administration.

